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## REDESTRUCTING PLANS.

Many plans have been suggested for redistricting the state as to the six congressional, and the senatorial districts.

Most all the plans outlined leave Harrison and Lewis out of the first congressional district, some substituting Monongalia and others adding Doddridge and Taylor, one of the senatorial redistricting plans makes a senatorial district of Marion, Taylor and Preston, and is as follows:

First, Hancock, Brooke and Ohio; second, Marshall, Wetzel and Monongalia; third, Tyler, Doddridge, Gilmer, Cynthian, Ritchie and Pleasants; fourth, Wood, Wirt, Boone and Jackson; fifth, Mason, Putnam and Cabell; sixth, Wayne, Lincoln and Mingo; seventh, Boone, Logan, Wyoming and McDowell; eighth, Kanawha; ninth, Raleigh, Mercer and Summers; tenth, Clay, Nicholas and Fayette; eleventh, Harrison, Lewis and Upshur; twelfth, Marion, Preston and Taylor; thirteenth, Braxton, Webster, Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Monroe; fourteenth, Mineral, Grant, Tucker, Barbour, and Randolph; fifteenth, Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy and Pendleton.

This would substitute Preston for Monongalia and increase the normal Republican majority several hundred votes, but whether this change is made or not this district, under normal political conditions, is safely Republican, although the Democrats have elected the senator in the three succeeding past elections.

When a man is tried in the newspapers before the jury of public opinion a verdict of "guilty" is nearly always returned.

The record for endurance in our town has been unanimously awarded to Sol Slocum on the ground that he has lived with Mrs. Slocum for 23 years.

If you really desire to marry for money pick out a rich woman's favorite niece. The man who marries a rich man's daughter seldom realizes on his investment during the life of the former.

A man sees his hero every time he looks into a mirror.

The theory that one man is as good as another is pleasing, but fallacious.

If food were fattery any despothe could assimilate it.

Speaking of remarkable feats, Mrs. Brink Stough can furnish a flow of buckwheat cakes sufficiently large to keep four men going.

The opinion of unprejudiced observers is that blondes are more attractive, but that brunettes last longer.

## THE "BEAUTIFUL"

That must have been a most beautiful snow over at Parkersburg, judging from the word painting of it by the editor of the State Journal.

## SENATOR McCURM.

Senator A. Bliss McCrum, of Preston county, is one of the leading candidates for the presidency of the senate. Senator McCrum, while a young man, is a gentleman of considerable legislative experience, having served two regular terms and one special session in the House of Delegates before being elected to the senate, where he has served during one legislative session. In the lower house he was chairman of the railroad committee when the two cent fare law was passed and was the author of the eight hour law for telegraphers.

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During his second term in the House he was chairman of the finance committee, and was responsible for reforming the manner of preparing the budget making an intelligible business statement of it.

Senator McCrum is well qualified to preside over the senate, well versed in parliamentary usage and alert and active. He comes from a county and always gives a big Republican majority, which is a claim that usually gets recognition.

There are a number of good men in the race for President's chair and it is too early to make predictions as to who will win but from the character of men aspiring to the honor, we have no doubt of having the place well filled.

## AMERICAN HUMORISTS.

"The first distinctive American humorist," if we are to accept the authority of Artemus Ward, was Judge Thomas Chandler Halliburton, a Nova Scotian jurist and author, who was born in Windsor, Nova Scotia, 113 years ago today, Dec. 17, 1796. He was best known as the creator of "Sam Slick," in which he detailed the adventures and amusing experiences of a Yankee clock-maker. The various "Sam Slick" volumes enjoyed a wide popularity, and doubtless their success furnished the inspiration to many later humorists. In his native province, and he turned to in his native province, and he turned to the author of "Sam Slick" was a jurist literature merely as a diversion, his early efforts being published in a local paper. Judge Halliburton retired from the bench of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court in 1856 and settled in England, where he was elected to Parliament, being one of the first natives of British America to achieve that honor. He died about half a century ago, and while "Sam Slick" has found comparatively few readers, its author is entitled to remembrance as the pioneer in the most typically American type of literature.

## WHO'S WHO IN THE WAR.

(Duke of Cumberland.)

One of the pathetic tragedies of this tragic war is the reported insanity of the aged Duke of Cumberland, whose son, the Duke of Brunswick, married the German Kaiser's only daughter. The Duke is a member of the Hanoverian family, which for two centuries has held the throne of England. His grandfather, Ernest Augustus, King of Hanover and Duke of Cumberland, was a brother of William IV, of Great Britain, and unsuccessfully conspired with the Tories of England and the Orangemen of Ireland to win the British crown in the place of his niece, Queen Victoria. Next Sunday will mark the thirty-sixth anniversary of the Duke of Cumberland's marriage to his bride, being the Princess Thyra of Denmark, a younger sister of Queen Alexandra of Great Britain, the Dowager Empress of Russia, and the late Kings of Greece and Denmark. The Duke was born in 1845, and recently began his seventieth year. His father, George V, the last King of Hanover, was blind, but despite that affliction he took an active part in the war of 1866, fighting with Austria against Prussia. The present Duke also fought gallantly in that conflict. As a result of the war the King and his heir were driven into exile and Hanover was annexed to Prussia. The present Duke, on the death of his blind father in 1878, issued a circular to the sovereigns of Europe in which he maintained his right to the Hanoverian throne. The Duke has made his home in Austria since 1866, and refused all overtures from the German Emperor until his son fell in love with the Kaiser's only daughter and entered the German army. The aged Duke then gave in and was reconciled to his old enemy, at least to all outward appearance.

Being in love is probably the severest form of punishment.

What has become of the old fashioned man who used to slip an old pair of woolen socks over his shoes when he traveled through the snow?

What has become of the good old-fashioned husband who used to hold a hank of yarn on his wrists while his wife wound the ball?

Remember the poultry show in January. The chickens will be with us then.

There are two schools of experience—the day and night.

Briefly defined an optimist is a man who expects to win his Christmas turkey in a raffle.

Generally speaking a man's friends make more trouble for him than his enemies.

Some of the farmer's contempt for town men is inspired by the fact that most town men shave every day.

Buck Kilby, who has one, considers Solomon's feat of supporting 999 wives the greatest in the history of the world.

A great deal may be said for both sides and, usually, it is said.

## "YANKEE NOTIONS" PLAY A

BIG PART IN MODERN WAR.

The European conflict would have assumed an entirely different character and might already have been ended by a decisive defeat, except for a certain experiment which was made just eleven years ago today, December 17, on the barren Kill Devil sand hills near Kitty Hawk, N. C. There a couple of "crazy Yankees," Orville and Wilbur Wright, the sons of a Dayton, Ohio, clergyman, tested a contraption consisting of wings, a rudder, a little gasoline motor and twin propellers. The precious pair of young fliers actually expected this machine, weighing 200 pounds, to carry one of them through the air! Funny thing about it, it did! Over successful flights were made on that historic day at Kitty Hawk. The aeroplane—for that was what "those crazy Wright boys" called their contraption

## THE WHOLE THING OVER AGAIN.

A daily world of old and new.

The country's calm, the city stew. The paltry, and the proud and plain—And then the whole thing over again.

Our own distress, another's woe.

A struggling, struggling, whether we go.

The office and the mill and den—And next the whole thing over again.

A dashing down upon the car.

A little toll, and there you are.

The luncheon hour, the whistle then—And then the whole thing over again.

The crowded trolley home at night.

The hurried supper, quickened flight.

To the theater or movie den—And next the whole thing over again.

A growing old, a keeping sweet.

A few new neighbors in the street;

A death, a grave in some lone glen—And then the whole thing over again.

—Baltimore Sun.

—rose in the air and traveled a distance of 852 feet, carrying one of the inventors with it—this being the first instance in history "where a person has been carried from the ground in without artificial aids."

While the aeroplane has not in itself been made an engine of destruction, to any marked degree, it has entirely changed the character of warfare. Aeroplane scouts are able to keep so close a watch on the movements of the enemy that surprises are almost impossible, and, without surprise, decisive victories over a foe at all equal in numbers and generalship become almost impossible.

The heavier than air flying machine is not the only "Yankee notion" which is playing a big part in the present war. The Wright brothers, who invented the flying machine in the intervals between their regular job of repairing bicycles, have had many predecessors. There was Richard J. Gatling, a native of North Carolina, who invented a machine for spewing out bullets, and the improved descendants of his death dealing gun are responsible for thousands of widows and orphans. This year marks the centenary of the construction of the first steam war vessel, and the inventor was Fulton, an American, who thus became the father of the great navies of the present day. The repeating rifle, the torpedo, smokeless gun powder, the Hotchkiss shell, the revolver, and hosts of other devices for wholesale and retail murder, are the creatures of American inventive genius.

Another "Yankee notion" which promises to revolutionize naval warfare is the submarine. John P. Holland was a native of the Emerald Isle, but an adopted son of Uncle Sam. His first under water craft was a failure, and it now lies at the bottom of the Passaic river, but Holland persevered until now he has succeeded.

## State Editors

What's So Pitiful?  
What is so pitiful as a crusty man who takes himself seriously and does not believe in Santa Claus? From him shall be taken what little he hath, and we shall be his portion.—Charleston Gazette.Christmas Joy.  
Everybody in America, we believe would look upon the coming of Christmas with far more joy had there been no war in Europe. This is the feeling which makes all the world akin, and when this feeling grows all over the world, there will be no more war.—Charleston Mail.

The withdrawal from Vera Cruz and the sending of the army to Naco, proves at least that none of the European commanders have anything on Commander-in-Chief Woodrow Wilson in making a change of base for purely strategic reasons.—Charleston Mail.

## FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

Wheeling, it seems, has led the way in the free text-book movement that is gathering strength and approbation throughout the State, and which promises to become State-wide in its demand. The Huntington Trades and Labor Assembly has taken up the matter and is agitating the senate for free text-books for the Huntington school. Free text-books was one of the planks in the platform of the editor of the Fairmont West Virginian when he was a candidate for State Senator. It is a good and desirable thing from every point of view, but we cannot agree with the proposition of the paper which advocates that "if, requiring parents able to do so to pay for their children's books. That would tend to a discrimination that would be calculated to injure the free schools system. Which aims to place all scholars on an equality in the school room. Such a distinction as suggested, where the able shall be required to pay, would place the children of the unable under an unequal and unfavorable feeling and emphasize the strained circumstances of the family in more ways than one. Equality is the keystone in the arch of the free school system.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

## Current Comment

Helping Out Col. Goethals.

As Col. Goethals, Governor of Panama, has twice asked for torpedoes to assist him in the enforcement of the neutrality of the Isthmus, why should anybody in authority at Washington hesitate to grant his request? He is expected to repeat it hour by hour? Must a man under whose direction hundreds of millions of American money have been spent produce indorsements when he asks for help? Is an officer of the army likely to be heard from at the navy department except upon business?

Col. Goethals has not complained of violations of neutrality at the Isthmus without cause. He ought not to ask for help without results.—New York World.

The other interesting story in the mail tells how "Bill" Brown, one of Los Angeles city prosecutors, puts on tramp's attire and associates with so-

## LITTLE BOBBIE'S PA

By William F. Kirk

I was just thinking, sed Pa to Ma last nite, that I wud rite a dashing, slashing war song, like that Tipperary song. There ought to be quite a lot of munny in one of them songs, In fact, Pa sed, the tipperary song cleaned up a fortune for the ritters &amp; publishers.

What makes you think that you could rite a song like that? sed Ma. You seem to have a lot of confidence in yourself.

I know I can, sed Pa. Just let me go into the library for a hour or so &amp; I will cum out with a war song. So Pa went into the library.

Yure father is a vary interesting man, Bobbie, sed Ma, there are so many things that he can do &amp; so many things that he thinks he can do. Now, I am jest wondering, sed Ma, the kind of a war song that he is going to bring out. &amp; Just then I'm cum out.

Gather about me, he sed to Ma &amp; me. Gather about me &amp; listen to this: I'M FITTING FOR THE FLAG I LUV A wounded soldier lay upon the awful field of battle, Dreaming about his childhood wen he used to herd the catel.

A gallant captain galloped up &amp; to his soldiers sed, Unless we kill the enemy I fear they'll shoot us ded.

Gut up &amp; charge them, nobel men, the captain loud did cry, &amp; then the wounded soldier man with these words did reply:

Chorus: I'm fiteing for the flag I luv.

called vagrants, so that fewer men who are simply out of work will be railroaded to jail from Police Court as "vags."

Think of a city prosecutor winking to keep men out of jail! Why, a prosecutor's record is based on the big number of convictions he secures, is it not? There are lots of men out of work, just now, and "Bill" Brown is passing up the chance of a lifetime to say nothing of his interference with the prosperity of one of our most precious institutions—the jail. It's decidedly revolutionary.

These two incidents do not make the "big news" of the day. You'll find the type display over instances of heroism and of clever strategy shown in the war.

But to the Post there is heroism when a woman, defying the scorn of her sex and disregarding the merciless custom of ages, takes into her life a fallen sister, and, by means other than prayer and advice, gives her a practical chance to "get straight" with life again. To us there is good strategy, policy, admirable love of justice, in the prosecutor who works to keep men guilty of naught save poverty out of jail, rather than in—Cincinnati Post.

## Jude's War Tax.

Jude Johnson paid his war tax this morning. He was fined \$15 in Police Court for having been whipped by Mrs. Johnson.—Atchison Globe.

## Revised.

All the world's a stage, and nearly all of us are getting the hook.—Puck.

## Song and Story

Awakening at an early morning hour in a sleeper at La Crosse, Wis., A. L. Elles and R. W. Willis, of Chicago, found that thieves had carried off their trousseaus, together with watches, money and railroad tickets. The train was held there until the unfortunate men could find a clothing merchant willing to open his store and sell them the needed articles of dress. The two sustained losses totaling about 300.—Pathfinder.

At a political rally in Mountain Dale, Ark., some time ago, Abner Short offered to bet that he could eat two watermelons whose combined weight was 75 pounds. Finally it was agreed that if he could eat them they would be paid for by members of the crowd. Otherwise Short was to pay for them and in addition forfeit \$1. When the two melons were eaten he called for more and won a wager of \$25 by eating a third. At last accounts he was still alive.—Pathfinder.

## Unflattering Resemblance.

The Russian army of 8,000,000 men is a prohibition one. Russia, in fact, is now a prohibition country. The czar having closed all the governmental vodka shops, which yielded a revenue of \$450,000,000 a year.

"Prohibition," said Representative Hobson, "is advancing everywhere. Take politics; even the politician, even the statesman, was a heavy drinker in the past. How different now!"

"A political failure during his first, last and only term in the House went into the House barber shop to be shaved one day.

"Congressman, sah," said the barber, "do you know, sah, you remind me mighty strong, sah, of Daniel Webster."

"The brow, eh?" chuckled the Congressman. "Is it the brow, George?"

"No, sah," the barber answered, "it ain't de brow. It's de brel."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

## The Way to Fortune.

"The Germans, lacking gasoline, are making a substitute for their automobiles out of fat," said a local automobile dealer the other day. "The Germans, with their submarines and Zeppelins and Taubes and what not, certainly put modern progress to good use."

"In this knack of turning all sorts of modern things to good use the Germans are like the inventor who used to visit the capitalist saying:

"I've got an invention here that will make both our fortunes. It is an alarm clock that we can guarantee—that we can positively guarantee—for it will make every single purchaser

The flag I luv so true;

My old man fought for this salm flag &amp; got his penumsh, too

I'm willing to get busy, Cap.

Jest when I feel that way;

I'm fiteing for the flag I luv.

But not no more today.

Well, sed Pa to Ma, wen he got luv, what do you think of that for a war song.

I think it is perfectly gorgus, sed Ma. I think it is divine. I hoap you gill sum nice musick to it.

Do you reely like it that much? sed Pa. He looked kind of sur-prized.

Beekaus Ma never sed she liked any of his poems befoer.

Bless yure deed hart, sed Pa. I am gill now that I had the idee of riteing the song. I always sed that you had heeps of literary judgment, Pa sed. Do you think there ought to be a other verse too, he sed.

No, no, sed Ma, you must not spoil the simmetry of yure poem. As it stands, I do not think that there was ever a other war song like it. Oh,

by the way, dearest luv, sed Ma, that war song reminds me that they are having a war time sale down at Jones stoar.

I can vary eesily say you buy munny if I have fifty dollars now to buy m ywinter hats with.

Bless yure deer little hart, sed Pa, here is seventy five dollars, &amp; you can have moar if you want I.

Tomorrow I am going to rpaise Pa's song &amp; gill sum dough for myself.

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